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SUBJECT: INDIAN BUSINESSMAN TO INVEST US\$50 TO 70 MILLION IN THE  
PHILIPPINES

1. MR. M.S. MALIK, INDIAN EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY (COMMERCIAL),  
TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER DECEMBER 23RD THAT INDIAN BUSINESSMAN,  
G. T. GIRLA, PLANS TO INVEST US\$50 TO 70 MILLION IN THE PHILIPPINES  
OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. GIRLA, ACCORDING TO MALIK, IS IN-  
TERESTED IN JOINT VENTURES TO PRODUCE MACHINERY FOR PHILIPPINE  
MANUFACTURING PLANTS AND IN JOINT VENTURES TO BUILD AND OPERATE  
THE PLANTS THEMSELVES. MALIK SAID THAT WHILE GIRLA IS ALSO  
INTERESTED IN SUGAR, CEMENT, PAPER, LINOLEUM, CABLES, ELECTRICAL  
EQUIPMENT, SHIPS, AUTOS AND FERTILIZERS, GIRLA'S RESEARCH  
DURING RECENT TRIP TO PHILIPPINES INDICATED THAT THIS INVESTMENT  
SHOULD BEGIN IN THE CHEMICAL FIELD.

2. MR. MALIK SAID THAT MR. GIRLA HAD BASED HIS DECISION TO  
INVEST IN THE PHILIPPINES ON A BELIEF THAT THE PHILIPPINES  
IS STABLE, POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY, HAS EXCELLENT LABOR  
RESOURCES AND ABUNDANT NATURAL RESOURCES. MALIK SAID EMPHATICALLY  
THAT GIRLA HAD "ALREADY STARTED TO PUT TOGETHER HIS  
JOINT VENTURES" AND WOULD BEGIN HIS NEW OPERATIONS IN  
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THE PHILIPPINES "IMMEDIATELY." GIRLA ALREADY HAS A JOINT  
VENTURE IN THE PHILIPPINES WITH INDO-PHILIPPINE TEXTILE  
MILLS. A GIRLA VENTURE WITH INDO-PHILIPPINE CERAMICS WILL  
SOON START PRODUCING HIGH TENSION PORCELAIN INSULATORS.

3. MR. MALIK ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MR. GIRLA IS HEAD OF

THE LARGEST INDUSTRIAL CONGLOMERATE IN INDIA, HAS VAST INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, AND ACCORDINGLY, CAN COMPLETE HIS UNDERTAKINGS IN THE PHILIPPINES WITH NO STRAIN ON HIS RESOURCES.

4. COMMENT: GIRLA WAS GIVEN TOP ATTENTION BY THE GOP AND WAS THE HOUSE GUEST OF PRESIDENT MARCOS. HIS TRIP WAS PROMINENTLY FEATURED IN THE PRESS WHICH ALSO REPORTED HIS INTENTIONS TO INVEST ALONG THE LINES WHICH MALIK TOLD EMBOFF.  
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